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To Jeff Jordan:

Regarding Complaint MUR# 5624 submitted by Day Merrill.

I volunteered my time to the Jaliman for Congress Campaign and was responsible for all computer related technology.

Among other tasks I maintained security for the web site, ran the FEC software and helped set up the Verisign account for donations.

I was responsible for the web site (thus calling myself "Webmaster") and except for content, Michael Locey reported to me for any web related work. What ever Michael Locey claims to "know" about the credit card donation system came from me.

Mr. Jaliman asked me to set up an on-line donation system that used credit cards. After some research I found Verisign's Pay Flow Link. He approved and asked me to set up an account.

The way it works is Verisign provides a secure (https) connection where people can enter their credit card numbers without them being viewed in transit on the web. They provide a link between the donor and a web credit card service provider who bills the customer/donor's credit card account (Visa/MC etc.) and then sends the merchant/recipient's (In this case Jaliman for Congress) account a credit, less a fee.

The web credit card service provider is understandably very cautious about vouching for other people's payments - in both directions because if money is accepted but no service provided the service provider could be liable.

When we filled out the application for Cardservice International (CSI) our credit card service provider there was a question asking for a person who essentially would be financially responsible to the credit card company. I asked Michael Jaliman for a name to use. He told me to use his mother Reva Jaliman. As far as I understand a 100% legal and legitimate thing to do.

I was never asked by Mr. Jaliman or anyone else to set up the system so that money would be transferred to Mrs. Reva Jaliman, and no money was transferred to her. All money that came from that account was deposited in the Jaliman For Congress bank account at Charter One bank, and were reported (by me later) in the FEC reports. If necessary, this can be proven independently with official records from CSI, Verisign, and the Jaliman For Congress checking account

As for "cutting off" Locey's account, this was something I did as a natural precaution since I understood there was some business negotiation between Locey and Merrill and Mr. Jaliman that was not working out well. In fact I had canceled his web access to the jalimanforcongress.org site twice after Phil Lieberman told me the deal was off, and then on, then off again. It had nothing to do with the credit card donation account, as is so disingenuously implied in the complaint.

This is the first time I ever volunteered to help a political campaign. I have come to believe that if more non-professional people participated in the election process we would have a more honest government. To me the Merrill/Locey action seems directed more at extracting money for themselves than election reform and is very dispicipable.

Sincerely,

John T. Lansdale, CDP

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